

PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM 6PM 18th FEBRUARY 2021 (78th MEETING)

PRESENT:

Nick Cole, Keith Robertson (introduced as the CILPK's nominated rep.), Annie Benson, Karen Inkster, Sandy Simpson, Anne Macintyre, Mary Conacher, Jennifer Herd (in part), Hugh Anderson (in part).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dave Stubbs, Jane Pritchard, Susan Whyte (PKC).

1. Apologies Alison Hood, Andrew Thompson, Mike Strachan, Dave Shepherd.
2. Declarations of Interest: SS in relation to item 7i.
3. Minute of meeting 1st December 2020: Agreed subject to 9i. Local paddlers, not the SCA, are seeking arrangements to access clunie loch . Minutes Proposed MC & seconded by AMc.
4. Matters Arising
 - i. 4.ii August 20 site visit to Dunira deferred due to covid. SS to note the estate have new solicitors and a new game keeper.
 - ii. SS also to note A9 dualling project may be subject to further review.
5. Exemptions and Obstructions Report
 - i. The February Report was presented, and it was agreed that the issues listed could be closed on the recommendation of the sub-group subject to changes and clarifications listed below.
 - ii. Issue 11. CAMS code 01056 West Pilmore. **Action DS** LM1 to be issues to the land manager.
 - iii. Issue 26. CAMS code 01810. PKC to revert to LM re suggested diversion, and if not practical to revert to the adopted core path. **Action DS**.
 - iv. Issue 34. CAMS code 01951. Little Glen Shee. Concerns expressed about length of time to implement new gates and suitability for range of users. **Action JP** to clarify time scale and design of new gates with LM.
 - v. Issue 38 and 40. Is related issue and the same LM.

- vi. Issues to be closed on recommendation of Sub Group
- vii. Issue 58 CAMS code 01759. Pole Hill. Not to be removed. DS & JH to discuss again.

6. Current Consultations & arrangements for response

Action NC circulate the list and members to volunteer to contribute to Forum responses.

- i. Cross Tay Road Link
- ii. Stanley to Luncarty Active Travel Route. Action NC to inform PKCT that the ofrum intends to comment but will not be in a position to do so for 22/02/21 deadline.
- iii. Forestry Consultations
To include discussion on FLS proposals at Fonab and Grandtully and the Forestry Creation Scheme at Coulshill.
- iv. West Kinfauns, Perth. Proposal of application Notice. HA requested that submitted plans should show core paths. KR requested details of proposed pat hconstruction for all abilities and would expect a planning agreement to fund access improvements beyond the site.
- v. RSPB Loch Leven changes to path network. Action AMc to lead on this one.

7. Possible Path Diversions

- i. METH/114 Castle Farms Methven. **Action DS** to progress uncontentious diversion from farm road core path to parallel drive which was waymarked in preference to the core path in 2104. SS indicated he has plans for the redevelopment of the steading. This will have implications for public access along the core path.
- ii. Glenalmond College RoW. **Action DS** to arrange site visit once covid restrictions allow.

8. The Council's Interpretation of s.13 of the 2003 Act (Verbal Report JA). Action DS to refer on to Andy Clegg (Team Leader Community Greenspace) and to PKC legal Services.

7. National Access Forum (verbal update NC). The next NAF meeting is 26/02/21. Visitor Management will be discussed.

8. Water Issues Report

- i. MC reported that the rural clearway on the Foss Road is complicating access to the river for paddlers. It may be possible to arrange vehicular access through the Tummel sailing club.

- ii. SW reported on the work of the visitor management group which consists of PKC, other agencies and community reps. Patrols were carried out during 2020 and will be carried out again in 2021. The clearways are intended so that roads are not locked by parked cars. Preparations are ongoing for Easter and the summer.

10. Correspondence. NC had written to the Perth Courier (letter circulated previously) about cattle fields and public access..

11. Any Other Competent Business

SS. Asked for communications to go out re lambing time especially for new dog owners who may have acquired a puppy through lockdown.

HA asked members to use his gmail address in preference to his previous email.

JA asked for the website to be updated to include the new members.

JH reported that BHS is engaged also in the Coulshill forestry proposals.

KI reported on 2 incidents in the pentlands where the same cattle had attacked walkers and on the Dungarathill case here in Perthshire where more gates had been shut and locked.

12. Arrangements for the 2021 AGM and Election. Will be held online on Zoom 22/04/21/
Action NC and DS to discuss the details.